Introduced by Senator Murray

February 24, 2000

An act to amend Section 56129 of the Government Code, relating to public utilities.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1900, as introduced, Murray. Public utilities: gas and electric services.

Existing law provides that if a public utility has been granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing and requiring it to furnish gas or electric services within a certain service area and, as a result of a change of organization or a reorganization, territory consisting of all, or any part, of that service area comes within a district authorized to furnish gas or electric service, the district shall not furnish that service within the territory unless approved by both the local agency formation commission and the voters at an election, as specified.

This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change in this provision.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 56129 of the Government Code
- 2 is amended to read:
- 3 56129. (a) If a public utility has been granted a
- 4 certificate of public convenience and necessity

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authorizing and requiring it to furnish gas or electric service within a certain service area and, as a result of a 3 change of organization or a reorganization, territory 4 consisting of all, or any part, of that service area becomes a part of, or is formed into, a district authorized by its principal act to furnish gas or electric service, the district shall not furnish that service within the territory except upon approval by both of the following:

- (1) The commission after receipt and consideration of 10 the report of the Public Utilities Commission made as provided in Section 56131.
- (2) The voters within the territory, given at an 13 election as provided in Section 56130.
- (b) If both of those approvals are given, upon 15 assumption of service by the district, the public utility 16 may at any time thereafter withdraw service within the territory, unless otherwise ordered by the Public Utilities 18 Commission.
- (c) "Gas or electric service," as used in this section and 19 20 in Sections 56130, 56131, and 56832, means the distribution and sale for any purpose, other than for the purpose of resale, of gas or electricity for light, heat, or power.